

HOUSE BILL 285

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By: **Caroline County Delegation and Dorchester County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Caroline County and Dorchester County – Sunday Hunting**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in
4 Caroline County or Dorchester County to hunt a certain game bird or game mammal
5 on a Sunday on certain land during the open season for that game bird or game
6 mammal; making certain conforming changes; and generally relating to Sunday
7 hunting in Caroline County and Dorchester County.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Natural Resources
10 Section 10–410(a)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Natural Resources**

16 10–410.

17 (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), and (9) of this
18 subsection, a person may not hunt any game bird or mammal on Sundays.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) The following persons may hunt the specified game birds and mammals
2 on Sundays:

3 (i) A person using State certified raptors to hunt game birds or
4 mammals during open season;

5 (ii) An unarmed person participating in an organized fox chase to
6 chase foxes;

7 (iii) Provided that the provisions of § 10–906(b)(3) of this title are
8 met, a person:

9 1. Using a regulated shooting ground under § 10–906 of this
10 title to hunt the following pen–reared game birds:

11 A. Pheasants;

12 B. Bobwhite quail;

13 C. Chukar partridge;

14 D. Hungarian partridge;

15 E. Tower released flighted mallard ducks; and

16 F. Turkey on a regulated shooting ground that was permitted
17 to release turkey before September 1, 1992; and

18 2. Having the written permission of the owner of the land or
19 other person designated by the owner of the land, if the land is owned or leased by a person
20 other than the person hunting on Sundays;

21 (iv) Subject to the provisions of § 10–411 of this subtitle, in Calvert,
22 [Caroline,] Carroll, Charles, [Dorchester,] Harford, Queen Anne’s, St. Mary’s, Somerset,
23 Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties, a person hunting deer on private property with
24 a bow and arrow or crossbow during open season on the last three Sundays in October and
25 the second Sunday in November; **AND**

26 (v) In Calvert County, [Caroline County,] Charles County,
27 [Dorchester County,] and St. Mary’s County, a person hunting turkey on private property
28 on any Sunday during the spring turkey hunting season[; and

29 (vi) In Dorchester County, a person hunting turkey on public land
30 that is designated for hunting by the Department on any Sunday during the spring turkey
31 hunting season].

1 (3) Subject to the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle, in Calvert County,
2 [Caroline County,] Charles County, Harford County, Queen Anne’s County, St. Mary’s
3 County, Somerset County, and Worcester County, a person may hunt deer on private
4 property on:

5 (i) The first Sunday of the bow hunting season in November; and

6 (ii) Each Sunday in the deer firearms season.

7 (4) Provided that the provisions of § 10–415 of this subtitle are met and
8 subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, the Department may allow a person to hunt deer
9 on private property on the first Sunday of:

10 (i) The bow hunting season in November; and

11 (ii) The deer firearms season.

12 (5) The Sunday deer hunting provisions under paragraph (4) of this
13 subsection do not apply:

14 (i) In Baltimore, Howard, and Prince George’s counties; and

15 (ii) In Baltimore City.

16 (6) (i) This paragraph applies only in Carroll County.

17 (ii) Subject to §§ 10–411 and 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department
18 may allow a person to hunt deer on a Sunday on private property from the first Sunday in
19 October through the second Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive.

20 (7) A person who is 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer with a firearm
21 on a Sunday through participation in the junior deer hunt established under § 10–405(a) of
22 this subtitle.

23 (8) (i) This paragraph applies only in Allegany County, **CAROLINE**
24 **COUNTY, DORCHESTER COUNTY,** Garrett County, and Washington County.

25 (ii) The Department may allow a person to hunt any game bird or
26 game mammal, except migratory game birds and wetland game birds, on a Sunday during
27 the open season for that game bird or game mammal on:

28 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and

29 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
30 Department.

31 (9) (i) This paragraph applies only in Frederick County.

1 (ii) Subject to § 10–415 of this subtitle, the Department may allow a
2 person to hunt deer on a Sunday from the first Sunday in October through the second
3 Sunday in January of the following year, inclusive, on:

- 4 1. Private property, subject to § 10–411 of this subtitle; and
- 5 2. Public land that is designated for Sunday hunting by the
6 Department.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2015.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.